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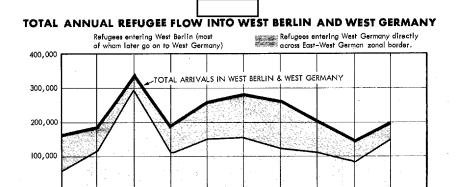
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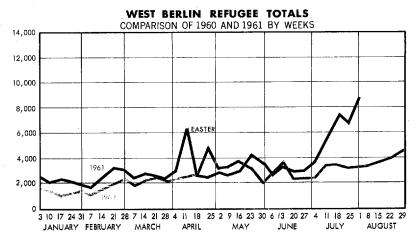
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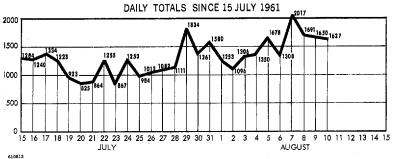
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Consul Hill on 9 August that unrest in the armed forces is now extensive; that the officer corps feels threatened by the regime's democratization process and the accompanying expressions of hostility to the military on the part of the opposition; and that the armed forces are determined to resist, by force if necessary, any threat to their position. Trujillo implied that Balaguer, whom he described as a man of the highest ideals, does not understand or command the respect of the armed forces. The current transitional period is more difficult, according to Ramfis, because it is being implemented through Balaguer. He recalled that after the fall of recent dictators in Argentina, Colombia, and Venezuela the transition was effected by military juntas, but in Cuba the disintegration of the military assured Castro's total victory.

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LATE ITEM

*Argentina: The small group of 50 little-known rebels who tried to promote a revolution on 11 August had no important backing and shortly before dawn were taken into custody without bloodshed. By seizing control of the telephone exchange which controls the radio lines, they were able to broadcast a "revolutionary manifesto" claiming broad support for their "Nationalist Revolutionary Movement." The rebels, reportedly led by an air force officer, said they were anti-Communist and "seeking to bring national unity to a country plagued by economic and industrial unrest." Immediate military and labor reaction supported the government. The important railway unions postponed scheduling a planned strike until the situation clarified. The government-which only recently reduced its special security measures against revolutionary plotting--denounced the action as that of hotheads seeking to lessen the prestige of the country, when an important international conference was underway in Montevideo.

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25X1 Dominican Armed Forces Considering Replacement Of President Balaguer General Trujillo's analysis of the sentiment in the armed forces is probably basically accurate. There have been other indications that he has been having difficulty controlling his officers, especially during and after the violence on 4 August when police and army officers were subjected to intense provocation by aroused mobs. The opposition--even the moderate National Civic Union (UCN) -- has done nothing to allay military fears, and its campaigning thus far, while emphasizing human rights, has been essentially negative. It has dwelt almost exclusively on the ending of abuses, the removal of the Trujillo family from the country, and the destruction of the official po-25X1 litical machine, the Dominican Party. Many opposition elements seem to equate democracy with the complete absence of any police controls and consider the armed forces innately an instrument of tyranny. The ouster of Balaguer and his replacement by a military junta--even if Trujillo were not a member--would probably reduce the chances for a peaceful transition toward responsible government. The opposition has tasted a degree of freedom, is now for the first time in the open and aware of its very considerable strength, and would almost certainly resist any military takeover as a return to dictatorship. Considerable bloodshed would be almost inevitable. Although the danger of Communist and pro-Castro infiltration of the opposition is clear, the country's professional and business people, who have given very extensive backing to the UCN, would have as much or more to lose 25X1 from a pro-Castro takeover as the military. 25X1 25X1 25X1

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